

TANEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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FOREYTH MO.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Salt Lake City.—An explosion of illuminating gas in the cellar of the Mormon meeting house in Granger, fourteen miles southwest of here, caused the death of a young woman and dangerously injured twenty-six other persons, mostly young women and children. The meeting house was wrecked.

Washington.—The secretary of the navy has made a contract with the Electric Boat Company for the construction of two submarine torpedo boats, one to cost \$250,000 and the other to cost \$200,000. The contract calls for the completion of the vessels within eight months. With these two vessels the United States navy will include ten submarine torpedo boats.

St. John, N. B.—A special dispatch from Ottawa says that W. J. White, chief inspector of emigration agencies, who has just returned from an extensive tour in the United States, reports that arrangements are about perfected for an extensive migratory movement from the United States to Canada. Mr. White believes that fully 60,000 settlers will come to the Dominion from across the line this year, as against 45,000 last year.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—President J. B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, announced Tuesday that Professor A. C. McLaughlin, the professor of American history at the Carnegie Institute, Washington, D. C., whose salary is \$18,000, will come to Michigan next year. Professor McLaughlin is an excellent scholar, and is supposed to be a man whom the aged president will choose as his assistant. In that case McLaughlin later will become president of the university.

Seattle, Wash.—A protest supported by affidavits has been sent to the department of commerce and labor by the influential fishermen of Washington and Oregon, calling attention to the fact that Japanese fishermen are coming across the Bering sea and catching salmon by the shipload off the Alaskan coast. The supply of fish in Japan is now limited, and the demand increased by reason of the war, so that the poachers are cutting off a good market for the American fishermen.

Wali Lake, Ind.—The body of a well dressed man was found a mile west of town in a field. The man carried a shotgun and game bag, and there was no evidence of either accident or foul play. Coroner Townsend found \$11,660 in cash, drafts and deposit certificates on the man's person. These were made in the name of different people, and it was no till a great mystery had developed over the case that the man was identified as L. A. Sewl, of Denison. Sewl was a wealthy contractor, and death is attributed to heart disease.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Salton sea, the phenomenon which created so much talk a few years ago, again has appeared and there is a vast inland sea on the Colorado desert. This time the men who are engaged in the engineering work of bringing the waters of the Colorado river to the desert are blamed for the inundation. In consequence of the sea, which stretches from the ocean beach to Walters, there is a complete tie-up of the salt works at Salton. This portion of the desert is a great natural bog, 200 feet below the level of the sea at Salton. When it was filled up years ago sea gulls from the Gulf of Mexico wheeled over it. It took six months to dry up.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Henry Zechenter, who has a wife and family in Germany, went to the marriage license clerk and asked for a license to wed three different girls, his own name being given in each license as that of the prospective groom. The marriage license clerk did not care, because he got his fees, but when Zechenter went to Miss Francis Huber, who admits that she had laughingly promised to wed him, conditions were different. When he procured a marriage license with her name, the girl was offended and said it was all off. "All right," said Zechenter, "one of these girls will wed me," and then came the quarrel which landed Zechenter in the police station.

The Parson—Have you ever given any time to studying the social problem?

The Layman—No, but my wife has, she occasionally gives a dinner party in our Harlem flat.—Brooklyn Life.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The Rev. J. F. Cordova, the eloping minister, was unceremoniously unfrocked Wednesday by the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference at a secret meeting here. The Rev. Mr. Cordova was charged with immorality and with the desertion of his wife's family. The vote was unanimous, even the minister who came here to defend Cordova voting aye.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

Japan Ready to Offer Russia Reasonable Terms.

Washington, March 12.—When the czar calls his war council tomorrow he will be able to inform them that Japan will welcome peace on reasonable terms and will promptly name its conditions provided it receives trustworthy assurances that they will be seriously considered.

This the emperor has learned from friendly chancelleries in Europe as well as the general terms acceptable to Japan. These, it is said, include the retention by Japan of Port Arthur, a Japanese protectorate over Korea and an indemnity.

From a high official the Associated Press hears that Russia has revealed its second Pacific squadron. An attack of a Russian embassy in Europe is quoted expressing the belief that Kurapatkin's recent defeat will force Russia to ask for peace.

Briefly these were the reports current in the diplomatic corps today, and as a result of this important information official Washington believes tonight that Russia and Japan are on the verge of peace. If it be true that the Pacific squadron has been revealed, even the most optimistic of Russia's friends admit that this is a strong indication that Oyama's mighty blow has made for peace. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, is the notable exception in the group of foreign envoys here.

However generous the terms which Japan might offer, the ambassador said tonight, "Russian prestige is not among them. That is one thing of which the war will be fought to the end."

"Victory for the Russian army will alone make for peace. If not at the peace, then at Harbin; Russia will assemble another army, mightier than before, and with that army it will settle the issue. It may be six months, a year, or perhaps two years. Time will be no consideration."

London, March 12.—It is semi-officially intimated tonight that at a conference between Lord Lansdowne and Count A. Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to St. James, it was guardedly stated that Russia might be willing to pay 100 million sterling (500 million dollars) as an indemnity, but no more.

It is also stated that Russia requested France to approach Great Britain in order that the latter nation might ascertain Japan's terms.

Thirteen Millions Earned.

St. Louis.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad will be held Wednesday in the general offices in this city. The following report covering the results of operation for the last year will be submitted by President George J. Gould:

Gross earnings, \$43,653,810.55; operating expenses 69.6 per cent of gross earnings, \$30,496,049.78; net earnings, \$13,257,760.76; less taxes, \$1,208,770.72; sundry charges, \$1,282,338.54; net earnings, \$10,766,651.52; interest on investments, dividends, etc., \$2,547,174.50; net income, \$13,313,826.02; interest and rental of leased lines, \$7,181,998.74; income for the year over all charges, \$5,925,827.28; surplus dividends declared, 2 1/2 per cent on \$77,812,300 stock outstanding, paid July 29, \$9,145,432.00; 2 1/2 per cent on \$77,812,400 stock outstanding, payable January 29, \$9,145,432.00; surplus, \$2,031,795.22.

Will Not Leave the Santa Fe.

Topeka.—H. P. Mudge, general manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, came Monday the day after yesterday will leave that road to accept a similar position with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

"I have no intentions," he said, "of making any such move. I have been with the Santa Fe a long while now, and am acquainted with its details. My relations with all its officials have been pleasant and satisfactory and I have no desire to make a change unless there is some very substantial inducement offered."

The fool sayeth in his heart: "There are no flirts."

Seeking a Refinery Site.

Independence, Kas.—The board of managers of the state penitentiary, consisting of Warden Jewett, Mark Tulley, Senator Sillings, Mr. King and Senator Haskell, met here Monday and went to Peru to select a site for the proposed state refinery. Four sites were inspected but none was definitely decided upon. Not until the ground has been purchased will the selection of the board be made public.

Topeka Policemen Arrested.

Topeka.—Frank M. Stahl, chief of police, and Patrolman Hutton, of the local force, were arrested Monday on a charge of assault and battery preferred by R. F. Hodgins. Hodgins says the officers met him Saturday morning and threatened to kill him if he did not retract a statement he had made to Chief Stahl in which he said the policemen were bootlers.

THE DEED OF A CRAZY MAN

KILLS TWO PERSONS AND WOUNDS THREE OTHERS.

His Mind Affected by Litigation Over a Division Fence—Is Finally Killed After a Desperate Struggle.

DEAD.

Key Fill.
Mrs. Key Fill.
George Schistler.

MISSING.

A child of the Fills; may have been killed.

WOUNDED.

Dr. Frank Dulin, police surgeon.
Captain William Bohanna, acting chief of police.

Michael Kelly.
Mrs. Schistler, may die from shock.

Denver, Col.—Crazed by supposed wrongs which he believed had been inflicted on him as a result of litigation over a division line fence, George Schistler, a prosperous German, shot and killed Key Fill and his wife, neighbors of his. He set fire to their house, barn and brick racks, and when the police arrived shot and dangerously wounded Dr. Dulin, police surgeon, and wounded Mr. Bohanna, a police captain. Then after barricading himself in his home, Schistler stood off a hundred policemen and deputy sheriffs during a fight that lasted for two hours and ended only in his death, after nearly 500 shots had been fired.

Before Schistler was killed his home was completely riddled by bullets. He was sitting in his own room, writing his impressions, a letter of advice to his wife and his will, when a bullet pierced the wall and killed him. In his letter to his wife, written during the heavy fire, he declared: "They drove me to it. For a few rotten dollars we must all go to hell together."

Before committing the murders, Schistler shot his wife and four children to church, saying that he would cook dinner for them. When told of the tragedies, Mrs. Schistler fell prostrate. She is in a dangerous condition. Schistler, who lived at Twenty-eighth and Adams streets, went to Fill's house Sunday morning, armed with a Winchester rifle, and opened fire. He first killed Mr. Fill and then his wife. He followed this by setting fire to the house. Three of the Fill children, a boy and two girls, were at Sunday school at the time.

After satisfying himself that the flames would perform their mission, Schistler returned to his own home and barricaded himself inside. In the meantime other neighbors, attracted by the sound of the firing, appeared, but quickly retreated when bullets began falling around them.

A telephone message was sent to police headquarters and an ambulance with Police Surgeon Dulin, Captain Bohanna and three officers hurried to the scene. As soon as they appeared Schistler fired on them. At the first shot Dr. Dulin fell. Another shot struck Bohanna. Dulin's condition is extremely critical. Still another shot killed one of the horses hitched to the ambulance. Kelly, a neighbor, was shot and wounded while firing from another house.

Under the direction of Mayor Speer, a loaded hay wagon was secured and was driven toward the house where Schistler was barricaded. The officers were concealed in the hay, which was made a target by Schistler. He first leveled his fire at the horses, but three shots went wide of the mark. When within 200 feet of the house the insane man was about to be fired upon by the entire squad, when he was hit by Captain Felix O'Neill, who fired in advance of the volley.

When the hay fortress got within fifty feet of the house half a dozen officers made a rush, and placing themselves close under the windows, awaited developments. When Schistler gave no signs of activity one ventured to look into the window, and discovered Schistler's body.

With the assistance of spectators the wounded men were taken from the ambulance and later conveyed to a hospital, where their wounds were dressed. Dulin was shot three times, once in each leg and another time in the left thigh. Bohanna received a bullet in the leg, but is not dangerously hurt.

"The man must have been crazy," was all Captain Bohanna could say. "He had a Winchester rifle and we had no chance to get out of the ambulance than he began to shoot. He hit Dulin first and he fell. I tried to draw my revolver, but the fellow got me first. I don't know why he did it."

Sealing Fleet Sails.

St. Johns, N. F.—A sealing fleet of twenty-two steamers, with 3,800 men, sailed Monday morning in its annual hunt for hair seals among the ice floes along the coast. Twenty will cruise north in Labrador waters, and two will enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather has been very stormy lately, and it is expected the cruise will prove an arduous one.

IS TRYING TO REORGANIZE

RUSSIA'S DEFEATED ARMY GATHERING NEAR TIE PASS.

Although Weary, Footsore and Disheartened the Russians are Busy Preparing Defensive Works—Food Supply Scant.

St. Petersburg, March 14 (1:55 a. m.).—Russia's "grand army," with the exception of the thousands killed or taken prisoners on the plains and mountains around Mukden, is gathering slowly behind the fortifications of Tie pass, which were built as a refuge before the battle of Liao Yang, and is feverishly engaged in the work of reorganizing and further strengthening its lines. According to the general staff, the main body has already completed its retreat and the rear guard southward is falling back slowly, keeping in touch with the pursuing columns of Japanese.

In the complete absence of further information it is difficult to say whether the pursuit has slackened or is being conducted by only a portion of the Japanese. Military officials here hope that, as after the battle of Liao Yang, Field Marshal Oyama has paused to give his weary troops a momentary breathing spell, while extending his railroad and other lines of supply to his new position and preparing for the next blow.

To the Russian army every minute is now valuable, and the footsore and disheartened detachments have been given scarcely an hour's rest before being set at work with spade and pick improving the defenses of the pass. It may be, however, that even now they are being turned out of those positions. Rumors are current that a wide encircling flank movement, which was begun before the battle, is still in progress and on the other side it is feared the columns are moving north to Fokman to take a position in the Russian rear.

General Kuropatkin still holds command. An officer of the general staff said today that he probably will not retire until some semblance of order has been restored. The question of his successor is still undetermined.

There are indications that the food supply at Tie pass is none too large. Immense quantities having been burned at Mukden, and Russian correspondents telegraph that they have had nothing to eat for two days. The troops, however, probably are faring better. The commissariat arrangements worked admirably during the battle and even at the height of the fighting the soldiers received warm food.

Telegram from the Russian side, though inadequate as a basis for any detailed estimate of the Russian losses, show that they have been extremely heavy, enough to cripple offensive operations for many months. General Kuropatkin admits that 50,000 wounded were carried off, but says nothing as to how many killed, wounded and prisoners were left behind; and from his picture of a little handful of two officers and 150 men of the Imperial Rifles marching off, led by their gallant colonel, clinging to their standard, can be derived some idea of the losses sustained by the regiments that bore the brunt of the fighting. The exploit of the 600 at Balaklava pales beside this. Even the losses in the "bloody angle" of the Wilderness and in the battle of Antietam are scarcely comparable.

Another tragic picture of the retreat is related in connection with the retirement of General Rennenkampf's detachment from Oubenevka with barely one-third of its original strength. The brave soldiers breaking down and sobbing and kissing the blood-stained ground which they had been ordered to relinquish.

The loss of officers is said to have been especially heavy, and many of them higher and more capable officers were killed.

Terrill Still Wants Liberty.

Leavenworth, Kas.—Ira N. Terrill, the Oklahoma prisoner, filed another habeas corpus suit in the district court here Monday. His petition is about the same as the former ones, in effect that Oklahoma prisoners cannot legally be confined in the Kansas penitentiary, that he did not have a fair trial, and lastly, that he did not have a fair hearing in the habeas corpus suit before the Kansas supreme court. Terrill says if the court will release him from the penitentiary he will not ask President Roosevelt for a pardon.

To conceal truth is to lie in ambush.

Sully Discharged from Bankruptcy.

New York.—Daniel J. Sully and Edward Hadley, of the failed firm of D. J. Sully & Co., cotton brokers, received discharges in bankruptcy Monday from Judge Adams in the United States district court. The discharge was granted without opposition upon the part of any of Mr. Sully's creditors. This discharge clears all of Mr. Sully's indebtedness.

LOSSES WERE VERY GREAT

THOSE OF RUSSIA FOOT UP 130,000 MEN.

The Japanese Casualties Exceed 40,000—Russians Left 26,500 Dead on the Field—Still Retreating Toward Harbin.

Tokio, March 12 (7 p. m.).—More than 40,000 Russian prisoners were taken by the Japanese in the battle of Mukden. Twenty-six thousand five hundred Russian dead lie on the field of battle, while 63,500 Russians were wounded. The Japanese casualties were 41,222. No report has been made as to how many of these were killed. In a report received today, Field Marshal Oyama says:

"Prisoners, spoils and the enemy's estimated casualties against all our forces in the Shangkai direction follow, but the prisoners, guns and spoils are increasing momentarily."

"The prisoners number more than 40,000, including General Nakhlomoff. The killed and wounded are estimated at 90,000. The enemy's dead left on the field number 20,500."

"The spoils include two flags, about sixty guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition, 75,000 bushels of cereals, 275,000 bushels of fodder, forty-five miles of light railway outfit, 2,000 horses, twenty-three carloads of maps, 1,900 carloads of clothing and accoutrements, 1 million rations of bread, 70,000 tons of fuel and sixty tons of hay, besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wire and poles, timber, beds, gloves and numerous other property."

"No report from the Singking direction has been received. The battle has been officially named the battle of Mukden."

"Our various detachments hotly pursued the enemy from all directions, and, inflicting considerable damage upon him everywhere, occupied the afternoon of March 10, the line extending thirteen miles to the north of Hunba and are still continuing pursuit on March 11."

"Our department, which proceeded northwards the morning of March 11 from the neighborhood of Puho, met a large column of the enemy retreating northwards, and after hand-to-hand fighting we enveloped the column which finally surrendered."

"Near Mukden we are now engaged in clearing remnants of the rout of the enemy, some of whom still continue resistance while the others come to surrender."

"Many Russian bodies are found everywhere. Our total casualties since February 26 to the morning of March 12 were 41,222."

London, March 12.—The London Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent

says that the Japanese spoils at Mukden included a large quantity of ammunition. He adds that the Russians carried away by force the Chinese governor general of Mukden, who was suspected of pro-Japanese tendencies.

KUROPATKIN RESIGNS.

Need of Physical and Mental Rest the Cause.

London, March 13.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times says: "General Kuropatkin has asked the emperor's gracious permission to hand over his command, alleging that he is in urgent need of physical and mental rest."

"I learn on the best authority that Japan twice has approached Russia through informal channels on the subject of peace negotiations, but that in each case the proposal failed, because Japan demanded an indemnity and a pledge that Russia would not keep warships in the Pacific for twenty-five years."

"The Japanese insistence on indemnity convinces the Russian government that its pecuniary resources are exhausted and by continuing the war only a few months longer Russia will get better terms."

"When Kuropatkin heard of the capture of Khusan, March 10, and realized he had delayed retreat too long, one desperate chance remained. It was to sacrifice his artillery by massing the batteries so as to paralyze the enemy's fire. The Russian gunners did their duty and saved what is left of Kuropatkin's armies."

When a girl has nothing to do she always calls in two or three particular friends to help her do it.

The best you have ever done is not good enough to be your ideal for the future.

Fined for Eggng the Referee.

Baldwin, Kas.—The four boys who egged the Ottawa university basketball referee here a few nights ago as he was boarding the train, have been discovered, arrested and fined. The little fun cost the boys \$10 each, besides their promise to make good the clothing spoiled. Two of the offenders were students in Baker university and have been suspended.

MISSOURI NEWS BRIEFS.

Centralia.—At a meeting of the city council, an election was ordered to be held April 4, to vote on the proposition of bonding the city for water works.

Jefferson City.—The Missouri house members believe that every man should have the right to invite a friend into a saloon and say to him, "What'll it be?" for they killed Depew's anti-saloon treating bill Wednesday.

Joplin.—Oscar McDermott was killed by falling into the shaft at Jack Rabbit mine here Thursday. He was being hoisted to the top of the ground in the tub when he fell back. He was dead when the other miners reached him.

Jefferson City.—The senate bill making it a misdemeanor to sell or give away a street car transfer was killed by the house Wednesday night. The telling argument against the bill was that farmers might go to the city and get into trouble by thoughtlessly giving away or selling their transfers.

Macon.—The octogenarians of Macon county took dinner Tuesday at the residence of Lon Hayner, cashier of the Citizens' bank. The dinner was in honor of Mr. Hayner's mother, Mrs. Margaret Hayner, who was 89 years old. The others were John Brannham, of Atlanta, 85 years old, and Mrs. G. C. Sparrow, of Macon, 83, brother and sister of Mrs. Margaret Hayner.

St. Louis.—Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the Republican caucus nominee for United States senator, over whose election the legislature has been deadlocked since January 17, was in St. Louis Wednesday and declared positively that he will not be a candidate for mayor of St. Louis, notwithstanding it was recently reported that he had stated he would run. "Under no conditions will I be a candidate for mayor," said he.

Jefferson City.—In order to establish a landmark indicating that the Republicans at one time had control of things in the house, it was resolved several weeks ago to have painted a portrait of one of the three martyred presidents, to be hung in the house of representatives. Wednesday the speaker appointed as the commission to have charge of that work Representatives Bickley, Pettijohn, Hootom, Akinson and Burch.

Jefferson City.—A bill of direct importance to Kansas City was signed by Governor Folk Tuesday and at once became a law. The new law will compel railroads of all classifications to pave, grade, drain, lay crossings and do all other street improvements ordered by street commissioners or common councils, in conformity with the regulations, on those streets running up to the crossings or contiguous to them.

Sedalia.—The body of Harry B. Smith, who was released from the state penitentiary Wednesday, was found Thursday morning in the Missouri Pacific yards in East Sedalia. Three wounds in his head and a broken leg apparently indicated that the ex-convict had met death by falling off a train upon which he had been stealing a ride. Smith was sent to the penitentiary from Hannibal, about three years ago, for larceny. His home was in Illinois.

Richmond.—After an all-day session the Ray county court Thursday refused to allow bail in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by the attorneys of Mrs. Emmett Perdue, under indictment for murder in the first degree. Mrs. Perdue has been ill and her baby boy, Emmett Perdue, Jr., is sick at the home of Marion Leakey, where Dr. Perdue was killed on the morning of January 18. The state has not presented its case except to the grand jury. "Han" Tanner, a brother, also is in jail, charged with complicity.

Jefferson City.—At a public meeting held at the Jefferson theater here Monday night to discuss the plans for locating three of the big penitentiary shops factories outside of the walls in this city three of the companies submitted contracts with the city offering to locate here. Speeches were made by Mayor Porth, Hon. Edwin Silver, Speed Mosny, Sam B. Cook, Congressman Shackelford, Rev. Father Selinger and others, after which subscriptions were called for and the sum of \$46,400 was raised in about thirty minutes. Jefferson City is rejoicing in the prospect of getting three of the largest shoe factories west of the Mississippi river.

The papyrus plant is nearly extinct in Egypt, and the only place where it is now to be found in abundance is along the Anapo river in Sicily.

The most valuable sword in Britain is one that was presented to Lord Wolsley. The hilt is set with brilliants, and is valued at \$10,000.

Rich Hill.—Miss Lenora M. Clifford, a school teacher of this city, and C. C. Lisle, a Butler business man, were united in marriage here Tuesday night. Mr. Lisle secured the license and the couple drove to the home of Judge J. Sheppard, in this city, where they were united without getting out of the carriage, giving the excuse that it was too muddy to get out of the vehicle to go to the house.